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SUBJECT: PAYMENT OF LANDING FEES AT HELLENIKON AIRPORT

BY US MAC CHARTER A/C

REF: ATHENS 0954

1. EMBASSY SHOULD MAINTAIN OUR POSITION THAT MAC CHARTER AIRCRAFT ARE EXEMPT FROM LANDING FEES AT HELLENIKON. EXEMPTION FROM SUCH LANDING FEES IN PRINCIPLE HAS WORLDWIDE SIGNIFICANCE WHICH WE WOULD NOT WISH TO UNDERCUT BY OFFERING A CONCESSION THEREON IN SOUDA BAY NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY IS CORRECT THAT PAYMENT OF SUCH FEES BY CARRIERS

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WOULD ULTIMATELY BE PASSED ON TO USG.

2. CONTRARY TO IMPRESSIONS BY GREEK AUTHORITIES REPORTED IN
REFTEL, MAC ADVISES THAT ITS CHARTER OPERATIONS AT HELLENI-
KON CONTINUE TO BE VERY LIGHT. FOR THE 3-1/2 YEAR PERIOD
1 JULY 1970 TO 2 JANUARY 1974, THERE WAS A TOTAL OF ONLY 13
CHARTER AIRCRAFT MISSIONS, OR LESS THAN FOUR PER YEAR.

3. DEPARTMENT AND DOD CONCUR IN EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION NOT
TO MAKE FURTHER RESPONSE TO MIGLIARESSIS INQUIRY. IF GOG
AGAIN RAISES MATTER, EMBASSY MAY USE INFORMATION CONTAINED
IN PARA 2 ABOVE TO REBUT RATIONALE OF GREEK POSITION.

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